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## **January 21 2009 Meeting Minutes**

### **Arlington Human Rights Commission Minutes – Final January 21, 2009**

**Present:** Christine Carney, Stacy Davison, Jorge Loayza, Chair Nick Minton, Judson Pierce, Nancy Rhoads, Marlene Schultz, Bill Shea, Nancy Sweeney

**Absent:** Sheri Baron, Marlissa Briggett, Vice Chair Vita Cohen,

**Open Forum** – No guests this evening.

**Review of December Minutes** – Commissioner Carney made a motion to accept the December Minutes as amended - motion seconded by Commissioner Sweeney.

**Race and Place Dialogue Series Update** – Commissioner Davison reported that the action list was sent to the R/P listing requesting they choose a project to work on. After some discussion it was decided to table the subject until next meeting.

#### **Networks and Coalitions** –

**ACT** – The feeling is that ACT has lost its structure and unless the APD and Town officials are supportive of the program it may not move ahead as there is a feeling of being disconnected. There is some rethinking in regard to the ADL and the No Place For Hate program. The AHRC will continue to monitor the process and how we can become involved and tabled the motion until next meeting.

**MAHRC** – nothing to report this month

**MCAD** – no response from the November meeting as yet.

#### **Incidents and Complaints** –

No formal complaints have been reported this month.

**2008 Annual Report** – Apologies were made for any omissions in the report, as there was not much lead-time to meet the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

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**Budget** – Plans for meeting with the Finance Committee regarding the budget were discussed. Commissioners, Baron, Carney and Shea will work on preparing the report. Job description and breakdown of hours of secretary was requested.

**Subcommittee Reports** –

**Dialogues** –

**Disabilities Dialogue** – a request was made for the Arlington Disabilities Commission to co-sponsor the March 4<sup>th</sup> dialogue to be held at Senior Center – press release for event forthcoming –

**Holocaust Dialogue** – Commissioner Baron working on this event for May

**Immigration Dialogue** – September – tabled

**Date/Violence Dialogue** – October – tabled

*Suggested programs for the future* – Cyber Bullying; 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Supreme Court decision regarding Gay Marriage; Building Bias Free Foundation; Early Childhood/Parents of Pre-schools – works in progress

**Schools** – Commissioner Pierce will follow up in regard to school holiday policies

**Policies/Procedures** – no report

**Rapid Response** – changes in network listing are work in progress

**Other Business** –

**APD Crash Report** tabled until February.

**Meeting for February 18<sup>th</sup> changed to Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

Chair Minton moved to adjourn. Commissioner Sweeney seconded. The meeting was concluded.

*Submitted by:  
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